GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT PLANT IN BHUTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to assist in the construction of a cement plant in Bhutan on the Indo-Bhutan Border;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred;

(c) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed; and

(d) the benefits that are likely to accrue to the country as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d) Yes. The Government have decided to assist in the construction of a cement plant with a capacity of one million tonnes (MT) per year in Nganglam in Eastern Bhutan near the Indo- Bhutan border and to develop related infrastructure. The estimated time of completion of the project is 27 months from the date of commencement of construction and the total cost is estimated at Rs. 400 crores.
The cement plant will provide economic opportunities and have direct benefits for people on both sides of the border. A road link between Nganglam (Bhutan) and Pathshala (India) via Anchali will improve access to this remote region and is expected to boost local economic activities.